

HORRIBLE CONDITIONS AT THE STATE HOSPITAL

Joint Investigating Committee Makes Report that "Hell Itself Would Blush at"—Institution a Disgrace to the Fair Name of Florida.

INHUMANITY AND CORRUPTION

Charged Against the Management and Attendants by Committee.

ASYLUM IS A MERE DUMPING GROUND FOR THOSE WHOSE RELATIVES DESIRED TO GET RID OF THEM—HINTS OF DEATHS FROM CRUEL TREATMENT—STATE BOARD RESPONSIBLE.

Special to The Journal. Tallahassee, May 17.—The report of the joint committee appointed to investigate the State Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee is in at last, and has been accepted by both houses.

The nature of the document may be inferred from the remark made by Senator Harris in moving its adoption—"That hell itself would blush at such a report."

According to the committee, the asylum has been made a mere dumping ground for people, sick of superstitions, whose relatives desired to get rid of them. The nurses are described as drunken—the system pernicious, and the buildings utterly inadequate.

Worse than all this, are hints of deaths as the result of cruel treatment by the attendants and corruption and double-dealing among certain officials. The money appropriated for all this rottenness is declared to have been misappropriated, and the Board of State Institutions is held responsible for everything.

Some idea of the condition of the plant and buildings at Chattahoochee may be inferred from the fact that the committee recommends an appropriation of \$215,000 in the next 2 years. The most damaging portions of the report are as follows:

"The institution is not a hospital for the insane, but a dumping ground for all sorts of people, where they are incarcerated, after a fashion, at an enormous expense to the state. Little children, young men and women, middle aged men and women, old, feeble and decrepit men and women, afflicted with all sorts of mental and physical ailments, are dumped into the institution as 'indigent insane,' many of whom are not indigent or insane and should be at home with parents or relatives or at the county poor house, or infirmaries, free to earn their own living."

"No systematic effort whatever has been made or treatment given for the restoration of the mind. The sick and afflicted have not been given the necessary medicine or the attention due or needful for their cure or restoration. Evidence is before the committee that the management has been cruel, negligent and heartless in some instances."

"Attendants and nurses have been drunk while on duty and have been brutally cruel and inhuman to helpless inmates in some instances."

"The very atmosphere of the institution has been scented with vice and immorality to the extent that even inmates have begged and pleaded for release on account of it and citizens living nearby have felt outraged by it."

"Reports of misappropriation of the state's money and effects have come to the committee. No accurate system of accounts has been kept and from observation of the methods of purchase and disbursement, the committee is forced to the belief that some money and effects did not go to the use of the institution."

"It is with serious regret that duty compels the committee to maintain and so present that the board of state institutions is very largely responsible and it should be so held for the deplorable conditions, the inexcusable and unpardonable evil that have existed in and about the institution. Responsible to these poor, helpless, unfortunate inmates, who have been caused to suffer the pangs of hunger, the humiliation and pain of keen cuts of the lash, the thud of the fist, the stamp of the foot, the unknown and manifold physical sufferings and mental anguish caused by willful, wanton neglect of management and attendants."

While the evidence is not absolutely clear that such cruelty and failure of duty caused death, it is sufficiently clear to create suspicion of such being true."

It is said by friends of the Jennings administration that every derogatory statement was made by discharged employees, who had no complaint to make until they were dropped from the pay roll of the institution.

ELEVEN YACHTS START IN KAISER'S CUP RACE

Trim Vessels to Race Across Broad Atlantic for Trophy Offered by the Emperor of Germany.



EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY.

By Associated Press. New York, May 17.—A splendid fleet of sailing yachts swept across the starting line at Sandy Hook light ship at 12:15 this afternoon, with the queenly American schooner Atlantic leading the way, headed out across the broad Atlantic ocean on a race of three thousand miles to the English coast for a \$5,000 cup offered by the German emperor.

The following yachts started in the race:

The Valhalla, 648 tons, 239½ feet, being owned by the Earl of Crayford of the Royal Yacht squadron of England.

The bark Apene, 307 tons, 180 feet long, owned by Edmund Rudolph, New York Yacht Club.

The topsail schooner Sunbeam, 227 tons, 154½ feet long, Lord Basset, Royal Yacht squadron of England.

Three-masted schooner Otowana, 267 tons, 155 feet long. Allis V. Armour, New York.

Two-master schooner Hamburg, 185 tons, 116 feet long, owned by a German syndicate.

ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY ASKS TO BE RELIEVED

Report in St. Petersburg that Russian Commander Has Suffered a Breakdown— Was Ill When He Sailed.

JAP SQUADRON NEAR FORMOSA

Where it is Believed Togo Intends to Give Russians Battle.

FOURTH DIVISION OF PACIFIC SQUADRON TO SAIL FROM CROONSTADT JUNE 14—BRITISH VESSEL SEIZED BY JAPANESE WARSHIPS OFF COAST OF KOREA.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, May 17.—Very quieting reports are in circulation this evening about Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's health. It is said that he has telegraphed to the Emperor that it is impossible for him to proceed. The evening papers print a report that the admiral has suffered a nervous breakdown.

No official confirmation of the report that Rojestvensky has requested to be relieved from duty is obtainable at the admiralty. Nevertheless, the admiral's health has been the cause of considerable anxiety. It is well known that he suffered from kidney trouble before leaving Cronstadt and through the long voyage to the Far East he has suffered at times to such an extent that he had to be carried upon a stretcher, but stuck bravely to his post.

If he is now compelled, on the eve of battle, to give up his command the admiralty would regard it as little short of national misfortune. Rojestvensky has proved to be a genius as an organizer and commander, and it is felt that he would be equally as good a fighter.

Should Rojestvensky be compelled to give up, the command would fall upon Rear Admiral Volkensam, now with the fleet.

JAPANESE SQUADRON IS BELOW FORMOSA

Amoy, China, May 17.—It is believed that part of the Japanese fleet is taking a position below Formosa, and that Admiral Togo has planned to fight the Russians south of Formosa.

The Japanese get orders from this vicinity at night time.

The state of martial law first declared at Tamsui, island of Formosa, and subsequently made general throughout the island, has been followed by the appointment of a military executive and the moving of the women and children from the Pescadore islands to Formosa.

Another Division. St. Petersburg, May 17.—It is announced from Cronstadt that Vice-Admiral Birellef, commander-in-chief at the Baltic ports has ordered the commanders in the fourth division of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet to hold their ships in readiness to leave for the Far East by June 14 without fail.

Japs Seize British Vessel. Tokio, May 17.—The British steamer Lincluden was seized by a Japanese warship May 15 south of Korea.

The French steamer Quang Nam was captured by a Japanese war ship on the same day near the Pescadore islands, straits of Formosa.

The cargo and destinations of the two vessels is not announced.

STRIKE TO BE CALLED OFF

CHICAGO TEAMSTERS' STRIKE EXPECTED TO BE OVER WITHIN 24 HOURS.

By Associated Press. Chicago, May 17.—It is highly probable that the next twenty-four hours will see the end of the teamsters' strike in Chicago, although none of the labor leaders will acknowledge it. It is generally understood to-night that a program has already been arranged for calling off the strike.

BOB WASHINGTON AGAIN ARRESTED.

Bob Washington, colored, one of the most notorious characters of the city, was again arrested yesterday afternoon. He was taken into custody by Officer Benjamin for being drunk and disorderly and as usual opposed the officer, the latter being forced to use his club. At the police station the efforts of three men were required to place him in a cell.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE MANUFACTURER

Uphold the Stand Taken by President Parry Against Exercise by Government of Railroad Rate Making Power.

SENATOR HARRIS SCORES STATE PRINTING CONCERN

CREATES SENSATION BY ALLEGING THAT MEMBERS OF STATE BOARD OF INSTITUTIONS ARE STOCKHOLDERS THEREIN. IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE INSTITUTED.

Special to The Journal. Tallahassee, May 17.—In bringing up his resolution, relating to printing supreme court reports, in the senate this afternoon Senator Harris created a sensation by referring to rumors that members of the State Board of Institutions were stockholders in the present state printing concern.

He described the contract for printing these reports as rotten from top to bottom and referred to the possibility of instituting impeachment proceedings in the house. Senator Harris will probably be asked to verify these rumors to-morrow. The resolution as amended was adopted.

Crane's Tampa fair bill, carrying an appropriation of \$15,000 for two years, passed the senate.

Mr. Humphries' bill for protecting fish in Manatee county, passed the senate; also a bill granting franchises to the Manatee Light and Traction Company.

The St. Lucie bill failed to come up in the senate this morning.

Mr. Scott introduced a resolution to increase the governor's salary to \$5,000 per annum.

A resolution was received from the Democratic State Executive Committee, endorsing the changes proposed in the primary law.

The house has passed Mr. Matthews' bill regulating the speed of railway trains in cities, and also Mr. Sparkman's fish bill.

The governor has not yet signed the Jacksonville charter bill, and a rumor that he will not do so is in circulation to-day.

Mr. Avery's money lenders bill and Senator Crane's building and loan bill are both coming in for considerable criticism.

Farewell Banquet Given American Ambassador

By Associated Press. Paris, May 17.—General Porter, the retiring American Ambassador, was given a farewell banquet to-night which, for sumptuousness of appointment and distinguished character of guests present, has not been exceeded by anything of its kind held during recent years in Paris.

Practically the entire diplomatic corps was represented as well as the official social and artistic life of the French capital. President Loubet was represented by General Dubois, head of the presidential staff.

Dropped Dead at Baptist Convention in St. Louis

By Associated Press. St. Louis, May 17.—Just as the Baptist convention was about to adjourn to-day Rev. Dr. Cushing, president of the Baptist University, at Rangoon, India, was stricken while occupying a seat on the rostrum and fell apparently dead to the floor.

While waiting for the arrival of an ambulance prayer was offered for Dr. Cushing. Before the arrival of medical assistance, however, Dr. Cushing died without regaining consciousness.

ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIANS TWELVE HUNDRED PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVES OF CHURCH WILL MEET TO-DAY.

By Associated Press. Winona Lake, May 17.—The assembly of the Presbyterian church, which opens here to-morrow, will bring together twelve hundred prominent representatives of the church and educational institutions, which will speak and act for two million communicants.

CHICAGO MAN MET DEATH IN SOUDAN

LESLIE C. WINTERTON ATTACKED BY THIEVES AND SO BADLY INJURED THAT DEATH ENSUED.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., May 17.—Word of the death of Lester C. Winterton, as a result of a night attack by native robbers at Wady Halfa, Soudan, has been received by friends in Chicago.

Winterton headed a prospecting party which started from London several months ago for the Soudan. According to letters just received from Wady Halfa, Winterton and an assistant named Bowdon were asleep in their hut the night of March 18, when two native thieves entered and attacked them with axes. Winterton and Bowdon fought desperately, but were knocked senseless. The thieves then ransacked the house for gold, and failing to discover any, fled.

Bowdon recovered, but Winterton, whose injuries were far more serious, died on April 11. He was 36 years of age.

McCormick Has the Grippe. Paris, May 17.—Owing to a protracted attack of la grippe, Ambassador McCormick on the advice of his physician, has gone to Dieppe for a short rest and recuperation.

OPEN SHOP ENDORSED

Deprecate Crimes and Outrages on Personal Liberty at Chicago.

DEMAND PROTECTION FOR OUR MARKETS AND COMMAND WORK OF MERCHANT MARINE COMMISSION—STORMY SESSIONS OVER RAILROAD QUESTION BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, May 17.—The National Manufacturers' Association to-day passed resolutions upholding the stand taken by President Parry against the exercise by the National government of the rate making power for railroads. An interesting fight on the railroad question has been waged behind closed doors and in hotel corridors since the convention began and was not settled until late this afternoon. Both the executive and resolutions committees held lengthy sessions for consideration of the question in which leading members of the organization supported the position of President Parry against the exercise by the government of the rate making power. E. B. Pike, of New Hampshire of the standing committee of the organization on interstate commerce, led the fight in behalf of rate making power by the government, presenting lengthy resolutions to that effect. This afternoon the resolutions committee refused to endorse his position but presented resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, favoring enforcement, by the executive department of the general government, of existing laws governing the interstate commerce commission.

The features of the second day's session of the National Association of Manufacturers were the address of Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, the address by Eugene Foss, of Massachusetts, on reciprocity, and the adoption of resolutions. These endorse the open shop as embodying the true spirit of American liberty; deprecate "Crimes and outrages on personal liberty daily occurring at Chicago," call upon congress and the president to protect our markets from the rising tide of discrimination by foreign countries and commended the work of merchant marine commission. A resolution demanding that only American goods be used in the construction of the isthmian canal was lost after a vigorous debate. The convention will close to-morrow with the election of officers and choice of the next meeting place. Secretary Metcalf delivers an address Thursday evening before the association.

ONLY A PARTY OF SURVEYORS

AMERICAN CHARGE AT PEKIN CABLES RELATIVE TO OCCUPATION OF HAI CHOU BY GERMANS.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 17.—Mr. Coolidge, temporarily in charge of the American legation at Peking cabled the state department to-day relative to reports circulated yesterday that German troops had landed at Hai Chou, that the report current in Peking was from Chinese sources, but the Germans were believed to be a party of surveyors, and the matter was not regarded as serious.

NAN PATTERSON TO GO ON STAGE

By Associated Press. New York, May 17.—Abraham Levy, who defended Nan Patterson during her three trials, announced to-day that he had withdrawn from the case finally and absolutely. Mr. Levy said he understood Miss Patterson intended to accept an offer from a theatrical manager and added that he strongly disapproved of such action.

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